

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 35-40, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 51-56 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 27 and 43 are independent. Claims 3, 6, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 35-40, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 51-56 have been allowed. Claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 have been rejected. By this amendment, claims 3, 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 31, 35-40, 43, 44 and 51-53 have been amended. New claims 80-97 have been added. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The office action indicates that the rejected claims show insufficient antecedent basis. In particular, the office action indicates that the term "said predetermined camera" of the claims has no antecedent basis.

Claims have been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. In particular, the phrase "said predetermined camera" of the claims has been amended to read "a predetermined camera". Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 80-97 have been added to recite the claimed invention in an alternative manner. Specifically, each of claims 80-97 further limits the "predetermined camera" of claims

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4, 7, 16, 20, 21, 25, 28, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 44, 51, 52 and 53 as "said camera" of the corresponding independent claims (i.e., claims 3, 27 and 43). Claims 80-97 are accordingly believed to be allowable for at least similar reasons as for the other allowed claims including the independent claims.

Applicants believe that the added claim 80 is also in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

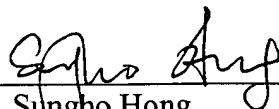
As stated in the accompanying Response to Second Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, a petition for a three-month extension of time along with the associated fee is enclosed, extending the date for responding until November 8, 2003 (as the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on July 8, 2003). Should an additional extension of time be required to render this paper timely filed, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessitated by this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4253US2).

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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